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In re Application of:

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PATENT APPLICATION

POLYNUCLEOTIDE CONSTRUCTS
ENCODING ASPARTATE KINASE,
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DEHYDROGENASE, AND
DIHYDRODIPICOLINATE REDUCTASE
AND RELATED CONSTRUCTS, PRODUCTS,
AND METHODS

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FOURTH RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is a response to the Official Action mailed on May 1, 2006 and having a shortened statutory deadline for reply of August 1, 2006. This document is also filed in response to the Advisory Action mailed by the Office on August 9, 2006, to the second Advisory Action mailed by the Office on September 21, 2006, and to the third Advisory Action mailed by the Office on October 23, 2006. It is believed an extension of time of three months is necessary to make this response timely, and a petition and the fee for same are included herein. Any underpayment or overpayment of fees should be deducted from or added to Deposit Account No. 02-4800, in the name of Buchanan Ingersoll PC.